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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Concurrently with the submission of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), applicants submit the amended claims beginning at page 2. Amendment to claim 1 is supported by the specification on page 5, lines 7-15.

The amended claim 1 in this RCE, based on the 02/23/2006 Office Action which indicates that claim 8 is allowable, broadens the acrylate copolymer recited in claim 8, but patentably distinguishes over Narum (US6866928B2).

New claim 11 is the original claim 8 written in independent form. New claim 12 is similar to original claim 2. New claim 13 is disclosed in the specification, page 5, lines 34-35.

The amended claims also overcome the 35 USC 112, first paragraph, rejections pursuant to the 02/23/2006 Office Action.

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